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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 1-29-51

WEATHER Temperatures were moderate until Friday night, when a severe cold wave overspread the state. High winds on Friday raised some dust over the Panhandle and the southwestern portions of the state. Light rain fell over the southeastern portion of the state early in the week and light snow over the entire state during the weekend, except over the southern portion of the Panhandle, where 4 to 6 inches was received. Winds were only light to moderate when the snow fell, so there was little drifting.

CROPS Record stocks of corn, insufficient cars for shipment are revealed by the reports of the past week. Despite the dry weather of the past several months, some of the corn still contains a high moisture content.

High winds and continued dry weather were unfavorable to wheat, especially in the western portion of the state. However, snow in a portion of the southern Panhandle relieved the situation somewhat. Some counties reported a little damage but in general wheat seems to be holding out. The bulk of the wheat got an excellent start last fall showing good root development. A small percentage of late sown wheat may suffer some damage. The eastern half of the state has received a little snow. The crop needs more moisture throughout the state.

There were several reports that the farm labor situation is becoming tighter. Orders on file which call for future hire around March 1 are higher than in any other year reflecting the concern of farmers about the labor supply, according to the Nebraska Employment Service. Farm machinery is bringing a high price at the farm sales. Considerable testing of the germination of oats for seed has been done, results varying from very poor to high germination. Some of the oats that were left standing in the stocks due to wet weather last summer are showing low germination.

LIVESTOCK Weather up to the close of last week has been highly favorable for livestock. Good litters of pigs with a high percentage saved are being reported. Considerable lambing was reported along with the tendency of increasing farm flocks of sheep. In the range territory most of the windrowed hay has been fed. The fine open winter has enabled cattle to remain on the range, thereby saving stacked hay. There were a few reports of increased marketing of livestock, some unfinished because of the present high price level and the fear of price control. Despite the increased number of livestock, numbers are not sufficient to consume the surplus of corn.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 29, 1951

Eastern Division

Grand Island	.02
Lincoln	.10
Norfolk	.03
Omaha	.16
Sioux City	.01

Central Division

Burwell	.06
North Platte	.08
Valentine	.03

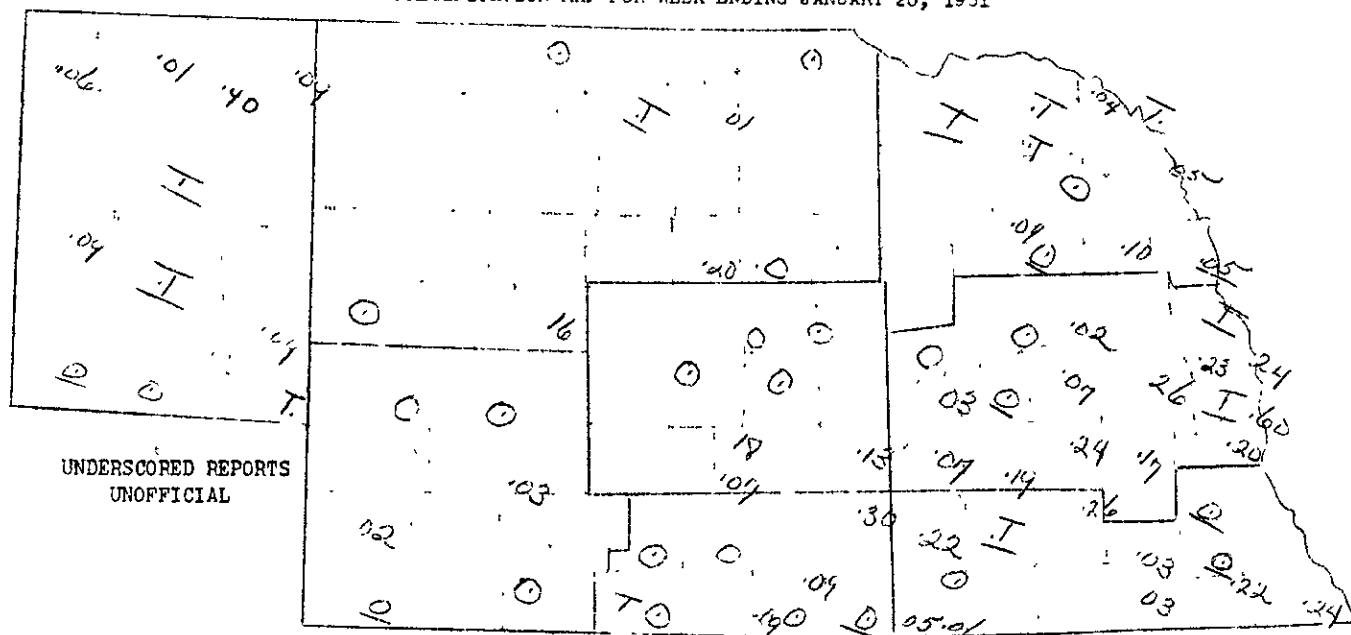
Western Division

Chadron	.04
Imperial	.02
Scottsbluff	.28
Sidney	.33

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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 26, 1951



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 6:30 A.M.)

		JANUARY		23rd		24th		25th		26th		27th		28th		29th	
				MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN
NW	CHADRON	44	14	33	12	34	21	53	17	-	-7	4	-15	-8	-14		
	SCOTT'S BLUFF	49	15	36	21	37	19	56	26	61	-2	11	-13	-5	-12		
	SIDNEY	50	13	37	24	37	20	58	28	67	-2	8	-11	-7	-13		
N-C	BURWELL	-	19	35	9	32	12	39	18	32	-5	2	-9	-4	-11		
	VALENTINE	47	19	34	12	33	15	40	12	21	-8	-5	-13	-7	-19		
NE	NORFOLK	43	19	29	10	-	9	31	18	30	-2	4	-9	-5	-11		
	SIOUX CITY	45	16	29	8	26	3	22	18	25	-2	8	-11	-3	-13		
CEN.	GRAND ISLAND	46	24	38	15	33	16	40	19	38	-3	5	-8	0	-7		
E-C	LINCOLN	42	28	35	20	31	16	34	24	41	4	13	-1	1	-5		
	OMAHA	43	25	35	13	29	10	27	23	36	4	14	-5	0	-7		
SW	NORTH PLATTE	48	24	40	15	38	17	55	18	69	-2	7	-5	-5	-9		

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